

PEOPLE ASKED TO ADOPT H. ROAD STOCKHOLDERS DENIED

Had Applied For the Appointment of a Limited Receiver to Prosecute Right of Action Against Former Board of Directors For the Restitution of \$150,000,000, Alleged to Have Been Used in Improper Purchases—Federal Judge Julius W. Mack Finds "the Records Are Devoid of Any Proof to That Effect."

Washington, May 24.—Authority to accept for the United States a mandate over Armenia was asked of congress today by President Wilson. The executive said he was conscious that he was asking "a very critical choice," but that he did so "in the earnest belief that it will be the wish of the people of the United States that this should be done."

The president's message was read in both the house and senate, but was discussed in neither. Each house referred it to its committee on foreign relations and there was no indication when their committee would take it up. Some republican leaders in the senate predicted that the committee would not report on the executive's recommendation.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and chairman of the senate committee, had an opportunity to make on the executive's recommendation. In the past, however, he has expressed sympathies for his position to a mandate over Armenia.

"The foreign relations committee," he said, "was almost unanimous against a mandate over Armenia as well as a republicanism showing such a step."

Senator Harding in the author of the resolution recently adopted by the senate congratulating the Armenian people on the recognition of their independence and asking the president to send a warship and American marines to Baku. President Wilson in his message today pointed out that this measure was adopted as a substitute for one by Senator Williams, democrat, Mississippi, proposing that the United States become the mandatory for Armenia.

The president, in his message, informed the senate that he had accepted the invitation of the American mission to make it undertake to arbitrate the very difficult questions of the boundary between Turkey and Armenia, saying he had thought it his duty to accept this difficult and delicate task.

Provision for mandates over former subject peoples is made in the treaty of Versailles and the American mission mandate shall be executed under the league of nations, but since the United States is not a member of the league, administration officials said that if congress decided that the United States should act for Armenia the treaty provisions would be waived in this case.

In the report of the American mission to Armenia, which recently was presented to the senate, Major General Harding estimated that acceptance of the mandate would necessitate the presence of 25,000 American troops in Armenia, Ohio or elsewhere, however, have placed it at least, once the Turkish army had been demobilized in accordance with the terms of the Turkish treaty.

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

Must Wear Civilian Clothes in Paris.

Paris, May 24.—Men workers of the American Red Cross stationed in Paris have been ordered to wear civilian clothes, beginning June 1. The women workers have been ordered to wear the uniform of their usual style. The order was to have become effective on May 1, but the Parisian tailors could not be hurried, so it was necessary to postpone the date.

Huerta President ad Interim of Mexico

Mexico City, May 24.—Adolfo de La Huerta, governor of Sonora, was named president ad interim of Mexico by the extraordinary session of congress this evening. He received 224 votes against 23 for Pablo Gonzalez.

INQUIRY INTO THE ESCAPE OF DRAFT DODGER BERGDOHL

Philadelphia, May 24.—Colonel Thomas G. Donaldson of the inspector general's department, Washington, and Colonel Alexander H. Cox, the general's chief staff corps, arrived here today to take up the local angles of the war department's inquiry into responsibility for the escape of Bergdahl from a military camp. He ruled the appointment of a receiver, general or limited, in this case was not proper unless the directors and the stockholders had acted in good faith and good faith in their judgment.

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Asks U. S. Mandate Over Armenia

President Wilson in Message to Congress Requests Authorization to Accept Dictatorate.

New York, May 24.—The application of 1,400 stockholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for the appointment of a limited receiver to prosecute the corporation's right of action against the board of directors, formerly headed by William Rockefeller, for the restitution of approximately \$150,000,000 alleged to have been wasted by the board in improper purchases, was denied today by Federal Judge Julius W. Mack.

Resents President Wilson's Proposal

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 24.—Anthracite mine workers were urged to reject President Wilson's proposal to submit their wage controversy to an arbitration commission, in addresses made here today by Joseph Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, and Philip Murray, international vice president, before a re-convened tri-district convention of hard coal miners. They declared, however, that the dispute must be settled without a strike, referring to the acceptance of Secretary of Labor Wilson's tentative contract as the advisable course at this time.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Bar gold was unchanged at 10 1/2 an ounce in London.

Peace treaty with Hungary will be signed July 4 at Versailles.

One person was killed and ten injured by two tornadoes at Castle Rock, Minnesota.

President Wilson agreed to act as arbitrator to determine the boundaries of Armenia.

Bar silver was quoted at \$1,001 an ounce in New York compared with \$1,144 in London.

Another German newspaper, the Koelner Volkszeitung, was purchased by the steel interests in the Rhine province.

French naval commissioners visited New York Navy Yard. They spent three hours there inspecting the new battleship Tennessee.

All operators and lieutenants of the Jamestown, N. Y., telephone exchange went on strike and the service is discontinued.

Tourists traveling through Europe have to go through the same red tape, although the war has been over for a year and a half.

Republican house leaders changed their tactics and ordered a cloture rule reported to prevent amendment to the soldier bonus bill.

Butter dropped five cents a pound in Chicago, selling at 62 cents a retail. The egg market was steady. Strawberries are scarce and high.

The senate yesterday passed without debate the Nolan minimum wage bill fixing minimum salaries of government employees at \$2 a day.

Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, two professional golfers of England, will make a tour of the United States. They will sail on the Celtic July 7.

While preparations were being made in Toledo to assist the interstate commerce commission to break the freight tie-up, a second strike of Toledo switchmen began.

Federal authorities are closely watching activities of bootleggers trying to get whisky into Chicago, and during the republican convention there next month.

A petition is being circulated on the New York Stock Exchange for closing the exchange Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, making a three-day holiday.

A bill was passed by the house setting aside 200,000 acres of land in Hawaii for homes for disabled soldiers, available to natives only.

U. S. transport Maliska arrived at New York from Antwerp, Danzig and Southampton. Twelve war brides of American soldiers, five of whom had babies were on board.

According to evidence obtained by several government departments, farmers are receiving an average of 4 per cent on their capital, despite the highest food prices in history.

Two men were killed and two others seriously injured when a train of the Maryland-Pennsylvania Railroad met a head-on collision with a mine train from the Alvarado Mining and Milling company, which has been held prisoner by Villa, and by the announcement that all companies had to close their doors.

President Wilson issued an ultimatum to anthracite miners and operators, who have been trying for weeks to settle a wage dispute. He said he would appoint a commission if necessary.

All the legal machinery in Brooklyn has been started for the roundup of 2,000 draft dodgers. U. S. Marshal Power and his deputies of the district will conduct the roundup.

A score of greasers in Boston were arrested by department of justice agents on charges of profiteering. Under the Lever act they are liable to a fine of \$5,000 and two years imprisonment.

Investigation into disquieting incidents affecting the discipline of certain British regiments, revealed that agents of the Russian soviet government plan to make the army a "hotbed of disension."

W. Murray Crane, former governor of Massachusetts, as well as senator from the state and for 15 years republican national committee chairman, declined to accept an invitation to participate in the conference at Spa.

A storm of discontent on the part of French authors was provoked by the government for prohibiting officers of all grades, whether active on the reserve list, from publishing articles or books concerning the late war.

Germany was represented for the first time in many years at a social function in Paris when Dr. Von Mayer, German chargé d'affaires, attended a reception and dinner given by Premier Millerand to the diplomatic corps.

DELAWARE DEMOCRATS IN STATE CONVENTION TODAY

Dover, Del., May 24.—While it had been generally believed that the suffrage resolution which passed the Delaware state senate May 5 and which has been retained in that house since then, would be messaged to the house today, the suffrage leaders insisted that it should be held until Wednesday, the day after the meeting of the democratic state convention. It was hoped that whatever action might be taken by the convention here tomorrow on suffrage might have some weight in changing the votes of the democratic members.

WOULD LIMIT COTTON GRADES TO TEN CLASSIFICATIONS

Washington, May 24.—Cotton grades would be permanently limited to the ten classifications originally set up by the cotton futures act today. The bill, which passed the house today, and which was approved by the senate, "final action" was breaking of the conference deadlock on another item of the bill.

The ten grades are now in effect under war time legislation enacted to prevent the breaking of the conference deadlock established by the agricultural department.

13-YEAR-OLD BOY HANGED HIMSELF IN NAUGATUCK

Naugatuck, Conn., May 24.—Leroy LaFrance, 13 years old, hanged himself from the chandelier of his room today, so that the fine granulated salt at 1 1/2 cents a pound, less the usual 1 per cent discount for cash in ten days. This is the third advance of its kind within a week.

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REFINERS LIET PRICE OF SUGAR ANOTHER NOTCH

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NEW YORK, MAY 24.—The Walker bill regarding the manufacture of alcohol at 25 per cent of weight, was signed by Governor Smith today.

JOHNSON HAS MARGIN OF 52 VOTES IN OREGON

Portland, Ore., May 24.—Returns from the Oregon primary election held Friday, compiled by newspapermen, tonight gave Senator Hiram W. Johnson a margin of 52 votes for the republican presidential preference.

SIX COUNTERFEIT \$50 BILLS DEPOSITED IN HARTFORD BANKS

Hartford, Conn., May 24.—Six counterfeit \$50 bills were found by four banks today. They had been deposited with other bills by as many merchants. The bills had been sold by bankers to show good work on one side.

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Disclosure Made in Evidence at Senate's Investigation Into Pre-Campaign Expenses—Testimony Shows That the Outlay in the Ohio Primary Contest Between Harding and Wood Made Senator Newberry's Michigan Campaign "Look Like a Piker"—Expenditures of Harding and Wood Are to Be Aired Later.

Washington, May 24.—(By The A. P.) Evidence that \$404,984.78 has been spent in behalf of Governor Lowden, republican, Illinois, and a charge that the outlay in the Ohio primary contest between Senator Harding, republican, of that state, and Major General Leonard Wood, republican, of that state, was "look like a piker," marked the opening today of the senate's investigation into pre-convention campaign expenditures.

Frank H. Hitchcock, former postmaster general and now a republican, testified that he had been successful in securing the nomination of Senator Harding, republican, of that state, and Major General Leonard Wood, republican, of that state, in the Michigan campaign. He said that he had spent \$25,000 in the campaign.

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GENERAL WOOD SAYS HE MAY HAVE "JOSEPH" PAPER

Chicago, May 24.—Captain Franz von Pappen, military attaché at Washington prior to American entry into the war, was being "juggled" if he was told by Major General Leonard Wood, then commander of the Eastern Department of the Army, at New York that the United States had complete plans of von Pappen's alleged plot to attack New York from U-boats.

"A canard," was General Wood's characterization today of von Pappen's story, as told in Associated Press dispatches from Berlin last night, that he had been called to the "discovery" of his plot.

"I never called any attaché to the Associated Press today. All the attaches, when in New York, were extremely punctilious about calling to pay their respects. On such occasions we never talked war. I don't remember the incident von Pappen refers to, though it is possible that he may have been 'juggled' about the numerous spy plot stories that were circulating at that time."

GERMANY TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE AT SPA

Berlin, May 24.—The German government today notified the British charge at Spa of its acceptance of the entente's invitation to participate in the conference at Spa.

HOOPER BLAMES GOVT FOR HIGH PRICES OF SUGAR

New York, May 24.—The government will seek to obtain fair distribution of the country's sugar supply through a sweeping investigation of sugar brokers who ignore conditions of their federal license, Attorney General Palmer announced here tonight.

This announcement followed closely upon testimony before the legislative committee investigating profiteering of Herbert Hoover, who charged the government with responsibility for the present high price of sugar because of its failure to authorize the sugar equalization board to purchase the Cuban crop last year for 6 1/2 cents a pound, and upon announcement that the price of refined sugar had been increased to a cent an advance of three cents within a week.

GEORGE MILLER, BRITISH SUBJECT, RELEASED BY VILLA

Washington, May 24.—George Miller, the British subject, was released by Francisco Villa for ransom, has been released, the state department has been advised by the American consul at Chihuahua, and also by an officer of the Alvarado Mining and Milling Company, of which Miller is superintendent.

SEVEN DAY ARMISTICE HALTS ATTACK AT BAKU

Constantinople, May 24.—(By The A. P.) A seven day armistice was arranged May 19 between the republic of Georgia and the mixed Russo-Tartar force concentrated at Baku to attack the Georgians.

CAPTURE OF ENZEL REVOLUTION CENTER STOPPED

Moscow, May 22.—(By The A. P.) The capture of Enzeli, in Persia, on the Caspian Sea, by the commander of the Russian Soviet fleet, which will have the effect of halting the revolutionary elements of eastern and western Persia, has eliminated the counter-revolutionary forces on the Caspian.

SCORE HURT AND SEVERAL MISSING IN AN EXPLOSION

Pittsburgh, May 24.—More than a score of persons were injured and several are reported missing as the result of an explosion which blew up two buildings here this morning and damaged several buildings nearby.